

California Regional Blueprint Planning Program Workshop

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza, El Dorado/Diablo Room

300 J Street, Sacramento, California

Tuesday, August 2, 2005

WORKSHOP AGENDA

9:30-10:00 **Sign In and Coffee**

10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

Regional Blueprint Planning: Achieving the Three E's – prosperous economy, quality environment, and social equity through integrated transportation and land use planning.

Sunne Wright McPeak, Secretary, California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

10:10 **National Perspective on Scenario Planning by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

Wade Hobbs, Transportation Planning Office, California Division, FHWA - Speaker

10:20 **Panel – Getting Started**

Why these regions chose scenario planning. What was the impetus for embarking on this new course? What are the expected benefits? What enabled the process? What have the successes been? What would they do differently?

Brian Smith, Deputy Director for Planning and Modal Programs, Caltrans - Panel Moderator

Mike McKeever, Executive Director, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) - Panel Member

Cathy Bechtel, Division Head, Planning, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) - Panel Member

10:50 **Panel – Implementation Strategies**

The challenges of implementing regional blueprint plans include linking to regional transportation plans and local general plans, sustaining key stakeholder and public support, and moving into project delivery.

Sharon Scherzinger, Chief, Office of Regional and Interagency Planning, Caltrans - Panel Moderator

Carolina Gregor, Regional Comprehensive Plan Project Manager, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) - Panel Member

Jesse Brown, Executive Director, MCAG - Panel Member

- 11:20 **Panel – Tools for Regional Blueprint Planning**
Examples of tools that can be used in regional blueprint planning to enhance public involvement and link land use and transportation planning models to provide data for the decision making process.
- Mike McCoy, UC Davis Information Center for the Environment (ICE) - Panel Moderator
- Kacey Lizon, Project Manager, PLACE3S, SACOG - Panel Member - Public Engagement
- Rich Green, GIS Program Manager, Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) - Panel Member - UPlan Model
- Gordon Garry, Director of Research and Analysis, SACOG - Panel Member - PECAS Model
- 12:00 **Lunch Break – Lunch on your own**
- 1:15 **Panel – Regional Blueprint Performance Measures**
The importance of performance measures in regional blueprint planning.
- Joan Sollenberger, Chief, Division of Transportation Planning, Caltrans - Panel Moderator
- Gordon Garry, SACOG – Panel Member - Regional Perspective
- Debbie Mah, Project Manager, Transportation System Performance Measures, Caltrans – Panel Member - Statewide Perspective
- Linda Wheaton, Division of Housing Policy Development, California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) – Panel Member - Statewide Perspective
- 1:45 **Benefits of Regional Blueprint Planning for Early Resource Agency Engagement**
How regional blueprint planning can encourage early involvement of the resources agencies and consideration of environmental impacts and the potential benefits for delivery of infrastructure.
- Nancy Levin, Environmental Review Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, San Francisco - Speaker
- 2:00 **Break - Refreshments**
- 2:10 **Lessons from the Inter-Regional Partnerships Program**
- Linda Wheaton, Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Housing Policy Development, HCD
- 2:20 **Next Steps**
- Joan Sollenberger, Caltrans
- 2:25 **Open Session for Questions on the Program and Application Process**
- Joan Sollenberger, Caltrans
- Linda Wheaton, HCD
- 3:00 **Adjourn**